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Title: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW
UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.322 AND 1.323

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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued in connection with the above-identified patent. The required text is submitted on the attached form.

The errors are attributable to both the Applicant(s) and the Patent and Trademark Office.

Enclosed are copies the Information Disclosure Statement dated February 15, 2001, the accompanying PTO Form 1449, and the return postcard acknowledging receipt of the documents by the USPTO on February 20, 2001. This paperwork substantiates that the reference(s) listed on the attached Certificate of Correction were received by the USPTO and thus should have been considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, the error of omitting the reference(s) on the printed patent is attributed solely to the USPTO. The Applicant requests that the 1449 Form be signed and dated by the Examiner and that the Certificate of Correction be issued.

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Line 1, delete "0 262 890" and insert - - 0 252 890 - -, therefor.

Please add the following references:

DE	40 29 939	3/1992
JP	1-242075	9/1989
JP	58-170465	11/1983
GB	2,072,516	10/1981

Column 1

Line 6, After "6,854,463" insert - - , - - .

Column 2

Line 48, delete "thereof," and insert - - thereof; - -, therefor.

Column 5

Lines 27-36, delete the paragraph "When a wearer of a filtering face mask 10 exhales,..... 26 during exhalation.".

Lines 54-59, after "the horizontal" delete "As the term..... the horizontal".

Line 60, delete "seal" and insert - - seat - -, therefor.

Line 61, after "30" delete "the" and insert - - that - -, therefor.

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Column 6

Line 3, delete "seat" and insert - - seal - -, therefor.

Column 7

Line 20, delete "move" and insert - - more - -, therefor.

Line 24, delete "align" and insert - - assume - -, therefor.

Line 36, delete "31," and insert - - 31 - -, therefor.

Column 8

Line 48, delete "24. This" and insert - - 24 that - -, therefor.

Column 9

Line 6, delete "modeled" and insert - - modelled - -, therefor.

Line 39, delete "arc" and insert - - are - -, therefor.

Column 10

Line 56, after "with" delete "the".

Column 12

Line 15, delete "+5.795336x³-" and insert - - +5.785336x³ - - -, therefor.

Line 32, delete "seat" and insert - - seal - -, therefor.

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Column 13

Line 12, delete “-1.83595x4+” and insert - - -1.83595x⁴+ - -, therefor.

Line 54, delete “0” and insert - - 0 - -, therefor.

Line 63, delete “y=0.00287x-1.03890x² + 0.19674x3 + 0.20014x⁴” and
insert - - y=0.00287x-1.03890x² + 0.19674x³ + 0.20014x⁴ - -, therefor.

Column 14

Line 7, delete “invention” and insert - - Invention”, therefor.

Column 15

Line 38, delete “(note:” and insert - - note: - -, therefor.

Line 41, delete “Calculated” and insert - - calculated - -, therefor.

Line 66, delete “table 2,” and insert - - Table 2, - -, therefor.

Line 67, delete “and” before “increase” and insert - - an - -, therefor.

Line 67, after “causes” delete “and” and insert - - an - -, therefor.

Column 16

Line 6, delete “thus,” and insert - - Thus, - -, therefor.

Line 26, after “and” insert - - is - -.

Line 42, in Claim 1, delete “(ii)” and insert - - (i) - -, therefor.

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Column 17

Line 21, in Claim 2, delete "prevent" and insert - - preventing - -, therefor.

Line 22, in Claim 2, delete "includes" and insert - - is selected from the group consisting of - -, therefore.

Line 22, in Claim 2, delete "or coarse pattern or" and insert - - pattern, a coarse pattern, and a - -, therefor.

Column 18

Line 17, in Claim 11, delete "seat" and insert - - seal - -, therefor.

Line 39, in Claim 14, delete "claim 11" and insert - - claim 11, - -, therefor.

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For: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the continuing duty of candor and good faith that is to be demonstrated before this Office, enclosed are copies of the documents cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following United States patent applications:

1. U.S. Serial No. 09/440,619, Japuntich et al., filed on November 15, 1999, entitled *Filtering Face Mask That Has A New Exhalation Valve*, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 07/981,244, filed on November 25, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,325,892, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/891,298, now abandoned.

2. U.S. Serial No. 09/442,082, Bowers, filed November 15, 1999, entitled *Uni-Directional Fluid Valve*, which is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,687,767, issued November 18, 1997.

3. U.S. Serial No. 09/678,488, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.

4. U.S. Serial No. 09/677,636, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.

5. U.S. Serial No. 09/677,915, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.

6. U.S. Serial No. 09/678,580, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.

7. U.S. Serial No. 09/678,579, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.

8. U.S. Serial No. 09/678,581, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.

A copy of the application for U.S. Serial Nos. 09/442,082 is enclosed for the Examiner's reference.

Copies of the applications for U.S. Serial Nos. 09/440,619, 09/677,915, 09/677,636, 09/678,581, 09/678,580, 09/678,579, and 09/678,488 (which are all divisions of U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877, filed May 11, 1994, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 07/981,244, filed November 25, 1992, now U.S. Patent 5,325,892, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/891,289, now abandoned) and U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877, have not been enclosed for the Examiner's reference because the application for these cases are the same as this application.

All of the above-noted applications are listed on the attachment to Form PTO-1449. Applicants request that these co-pending applications not be printed on the issued patent.

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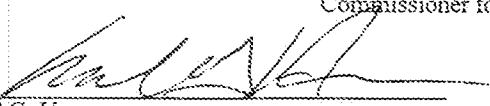
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Authors, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers, etc.)

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